

(6) Re : SMALL-POX EPIDEMIC IN BELGAUM CITY

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Housing regarding the Small-pox epidemic in Belgaum City.

†Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir, there was incidence of smallpox in Belgaum City. The first case occurred on 7th June 1967 and the last case on 20th July 1967. There were in all 17 cases and 5 deaths during this period.

It is not a fact that there were 10 deaths and 100 admissions to the Civil Hospital, Belgaum, on 31st July 1967 due to smallpox. Preventive measures against spread of the small pox were undertaken in the infected areas. 935 Vaccinations against smallpox (8 primary and 927 revaccinations) have so far been done in the infected areas. The Vaccination work is still being carried on.

There has been no further incidence of smallpox in Belgaum City from 20th July 1967 onwards.

Isolation of patients in the Civil Hospital, Belgaum and protection of contacts have been done promptly.

(7) Re : DEATHS DUE TO CHOLERA IN BOHIGALLI, BELGAUM CITY

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Health and Housing regarding deaths due to cholera in Belgaum.

Sri K. PUTTASWAMY.—Sir Bohigalli is only a lane in Belgaum City. This lane is located near Khade Bazaar part of the City.

There were five cases with two deaths due to severe gastro enteritis (suspected cholera) on 23rd July 1967 in Bohigalli.

There were two deaths in the family of Sri Julsem Chavan a resident of Bohigalli. The other cases occurred in the families, resident in Bohigalli.

There have been 20 cases with two deaths in this area for the period from 23rd July 1967 to 1st August 1967.

All the cases were isolated and given treatment at the Civil Hospital, Belgaum.

Anti-Cholera inoculation to contacts and the public resident in the infected locality, was undertaken immediately, and so far 1639 people have been given Anticholera inoculations.

Preventive measures like disinfection of infected houses, of 9 houses and the materials of the patients have been undertaken. Chlorination of drinking water sources is being done and 24 wells have been chlorinated in the infected locality. Extra chlorine is now added to the supply of water given to Belgaum City from its water works.